

**Amendments To The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 5 and 8-10.

1. (Currently Amended) An insulation composition for halogen-free automotive cables, which comprises a matrix resin, 50-200 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of the matrix resin, of a metal hydroxide flame retardant, and 0.5-20 parts by weight of an antioxidant, in which the matrix resin consists of 1-80 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin, 1-80 parts by weight of an ethylene copolymer resin, and 1-20 parts of a terpolymer of ethylene, acrylic ester and maleic anhydride, wherein the terpolymer of ethylene, acrylic ester and maleic anhydride consists of 1 to 80 parts by weight of ethylene, 1 to 50 parts by weight of acrylic ester and 1 to 50 parts by weight of maleic anhydride;

wherein the metal hydroxide flame retardant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of aluminum trihydroxide and magnesium dihydroxide;

the polyethylene resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of linear low-density polyethylene, low-density polyethylene, medium-density polyethylene and high-density polyethylene;

the ethylene copolymer resin comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, ethylene ethyl acrylate, ethylene methyl acrylate and ethylene butyl acrylate; and

the antioxidant comprising at least one thioester antioxidant;

and a phenolic metal deactivator in an amount of about 0.1 to 3.0 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the matrix resin.

2-5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) The insulation material of claim 5, wherein the metal hydroxide flame retardant is at least one selected from the group consisting of surface-untreated metal hydroxides, and metal hydroxides whose surface had been treated with silane, amine, stearic acid or fatty acid.

7. (Original) The insulation material of claim 5, wherein the metal hydroxide flame retardant has a particle size of 0.5-30  $\mu\text{m}$  and a specific surface area (BET) of 3-20  $\text{mm}^2/\text{g}$ .

8-10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The insulation material of claim 1, wherein the composition is not crosslinked.

12. (Original) The insulation material of claim 1, wherein the composition is crosslinked to have a three-dimensional network structure.

13. (Previously Presented) Automotive cable comprising an insulation material which is made of a halogen-free insulation composition for automotive cables as claim 1.